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THE URI EMPLOYEES' NEWSLETTER

High profile brain scientist to address URI's Class of 2015 at 129th Commencement ceremonies

by Jhodi Redlich

Cranston, R.I., native Rudolph E. Tanzi has been called many things. Time magazine lists him on the 2015 "100 Most Influential People in the World," he has been named one of the "World's Most Influential Scientific Minds," one of the "Top 20 Translational Scientists in the World" and even as a "Rock Star of Science" by GQ. In fact, Tanzi, the holder of the Joseph P. and Rose F. Kennedy Endowed Chair in Neurology at Harvard Medical School, is considered to be one of the greatest hopes for research and treatment breakthroughs to end Alzheimer's disease.

As of May 17, he will also be among The University of Rhode Island's newest and most accomplished alumni. Before addressing the Class of 2015, Tanzi will receive a Doctor of Science honoris causa in recognition of his advanced research and his plan "to end Alzheimer's disease by the year 2020."

"We are honored to welcome Dr. Tanzi home to Rhode Island and we are extremely pleased that he will address our graduates at commencement and share his insights into the power of the brain and his work to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease," said URI President David M. Dooley. "He will be joined by four other honorees who will be recognized for their transformational contributions."

To honor their unique contributions to the University, the people of the State of Rhode Island, and the nation, the University will confer five honorary doctorates at Commencement, including one posthumously. The honorary degree is the highest honor bestowed by the University and is reserved to recognize true distinction.

In addition to Tanzi, the following individuals will also be so honored:



Rudolph E. Tanzi

- **Shirley Cherry** has been a dedicated teacher/librarian and tour director for the museum that was the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s previous home at the Dexter Parsonage in Montgomery, Ala. She will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
- **Rolf-Dieter Schnelle**, former German Consul General in Boston, international diplomat and longtime board member of the URI International Engineering Program, will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

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URI's Peckham Farm surprised by birth of baby guard donkey

by Todd McLeish

When University of Rhode Island senior Kathryn Voelkner arrived at URI's Peckham Farm to feed the animals Sunday morning, she noticed that one of the farm's two donkeys, Jenny, was lying on the ground and breathing heavily. Then she noticed why.

The 3-year-old donkey had just given birth to her first foal.

"When I walked over to Jenny, I noticed that her attention was focused on something behind me," said Voelkner, an animal science major from Clarks Summit, PA. "I turned and saw the baby trying to take her first few steps. She was still wet from the birthing process, so she must have been born just minutes before I arrived."

According to Nick Minter, the farm's manager, no one knew that Jenny was even pregnant, since URI's only other donkey, Rosie, is also female. Jenny must have been pregnant when the University acquired the animal last May. Donkey gestation lasts approximately one year.

Some of the student farmhands had speculated about a possible pregnancy, but none took it seriously.

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Jenny and her baby

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• **Angus Taylor**, a distinguished global leader and passionate advocate for dual language immersion programs, serves as president and chief executive officer of Hexagon Metrology, Inc. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Business

• **Leo F. DiMaio Jr.**, director emeritus of URI's Talent Development Program, he paved a path to success for thousands of disadvantaged Rhode Island students at URI. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters posthumously.

About these distinguished honorees

Rudolph E. Tanzi

Doctor of Science honoris causa

The holder of the Joseph P. and Rose F. Kennedy Endowed Chair in Neurology at Harvard Medical School, Tanzi's groundbreaking research has focused on genetic links to neurological diseases. In 1980 he helped find the gene for Huntington's disease—the first disease gene ever found by genetic linkage analysis. Since then, he discovered the first three Alzheimer's disease genes and several other genes for neurological disorders. As director of the Mass General Hospital's Genetics and Aging Research Unit, he oversees several laboratories investigating the genetic causes of the disease while also developing several novel therapies for Alzheimer's, two of which are in clinical trials.

Tanzi has studied the power of the brain and translated his scientific findings to teach techniques for retaining mental acuity throughout their lives. In fact, this neuroscientist is quite well known for his other jobs: as host of Super Brain with Rudy Tanzi on PBS, co-author of New York Times Best Seller Super Brain with Deepak Chopra, M.D., and as a musician who has performed and recorded with Joe Perry, Aerosmith, and other major performing artists.

But Tanzi doesn't let anything cramp his style—or cause him to lose focus on solving the big puzzle: His ongoing collaborative research to find a cure for the neurological disease that is robbing the minds and legacies from millions of families worldwide.

Tanzi earned his B.S. in microbiology and B.A. in history from the University of Rochester, and his Ph.D. in neurobiology from Harvard University.

Shirley Cherry

Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa

Shirley Cherry is a former teacher/librarian and retired tour director of the museum at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s home at the Dexter Parsonage in Montgomery, Ala. She is also a living legacy and part of our nation's historical narrative.

Cherry's courage, inspirational struggle for education during the pre-Civil Rights era, and her leadership go well beyond what any position or title can capture. Cherry grew up poor in the segregated South at a time when she was banned from attending school or walking into a library. Her grandmother, mother, and aunts taught her to read and urged her to pursue her education. Their lessons and Dr. King's quest for civil rights were persistent forces in her life. When her family moved to Georgia, she was enrolled in a training school while white students her age attended a high school. She recognized the difference and lobbied for change—the black training school was renamed to honor Ralph Bunche, the first African American Nobel Peace Prize winner and she became valedictorian of the high school's first graduating class.

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Shirley Cherry

Prize-winning writers to make splash at URI's Ocean State Summer Writing Conference, June 18-20

Discounts offered for those registered by May 15

by Elizabeth Rau

The keynote speakers at the Ocean State Summer Writing Conference this year share more than a passion for the written word. They're both women.

"This year, once again, we have remarkable prize-winning keynote presenters," says Thomas Barkman, of Providence, a poet who coordinated the conference last year. "They're both prolific and lauded writers."

The speakers are: Tracy K. Smith, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 2012 and teaches at Princeton University; and Antonya Nelson, author of 11 books who teaches at the University of Houston and whose work regularly appears in *The New Yorker*.

The event will also feature 14 other accomplished poets and writers. New this year is a Saturday afternoon festival offering participants more readings and opportunities to apply what they've learned. There will also be activities for writers of all ages.

"Every year we focus on the craft of writing," says Barkman, who earned his undergraduate degree in English and French from URI in 2010 and his master's degree in English, with a focus on poetry, in 2013. "Creative writing is an art. It takes a lot of work, practice and knowledge."

The three-day conference, now in its ninth year, is June 18 to 20 at the University of Rhode Island on the Kingston campus. That might seem like a long way off, but Barkman says spots fill up fast so early registration is encouraged. Housing is offered in a residential hall on campus.

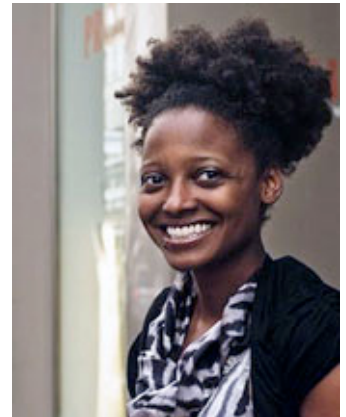
Master classes with Smith and Nelson are limited to 25 people, and the three-day workshops with various writers are limited to 12 people in each session. Topics include how to structure poems, incorporate all five senses into narrative and write about the ocean.

The conference has come a long way since it started nine years ago with writers mostly from New England. Now it's a nationally recognized event comparable to established writing conferences, like Bread Loaf in Middlebury, Vt.

This year, as in years past, participants can expect intimate workshops with writers who speak with authority and passion about their craft and offer feedback that is gentle and practical.

This year's lineup of writers is impressive.

Smith is a professor of creative writing at Princeton. She has three books of poetry, and her most recent collection, *Life on Mars*, won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize. She has an upcoming memoir to be published this year by Knopf. Her work



explores the importance of submitting to the "ongoing conflict" of life – and surviving.

Nelson has published four novels and seven collections of short stories. Her work has also been published in *Esquire*, *Harper's* and *Redbook*. She has received National Endowment for the Arts and Guggenheim fellowships.



The keynote talks, free and open to the public, are Friday, June 19. Nelson will talk at 12:15 p.m., and Smith will talk at 4:30 p.m.

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Grand opening set for URI's Gender and Sexuality Center, May 6

by Jhodi Redlich

The University of Rhode Island will celebrate the grand opening of the Gender and Sexuality Center at 19 Upper College Road, on the Kingston Campus on Wednesday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The speaking portion of the program will be held at 11 a.m. on the lawn outside of the new Center, followed by a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony at the front door, refreshments and tours.

When they broke ground last spring on the \$2.1 million, 4,300-square-foot building, URI became the first institution of higher education in the country to design and build a free standing LGBTQ Center.

"Welcome Home," says URI President David M. Dooley. "Prominently located on Upper College Road, our new Gender and Sexuality Center firmly states that we value and support every member of our community. This new facility is a tangible way for current and new students, faculty and staff to know that our transformational goals are far more than words on paper. We encourage, welcome and celebrate the growing diversity that's part of our community."

In the fall 2014, the leading non-profit organization working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students issued its annual report card and named the University one of the top 50 LGBT-Friendly universities in the nation. The Campus Pride ranking shows the best of the best, based on a five-star continuum of progress for LGBT-Friendly policies, programs and practices. URI received a five out of five star overall rating, as well as five out of five stars in nine of the 10 categories measured, with 4.5 out of five stars for one.

"This University is putting community, equity and diversity right up front --- recognizing the rights of individuals to define their own gender and sexual orientation and leading the way for other academic institutions," said URI Associate Vice President for the Office of Community, Equity and Diversity Naomi Thompson. "This new facility, our support of full gender confirmation coverage in the student health plan and our vast community outreach are just a few parts of our comprehensive approach to equity."

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Here are the other featured speakers:

* Ru Freeman was born in Sri Lanka, and studied in Australia and Maine before working on humanitarian efforts. Her two novels are widely translated across the globe.

* Karen Brennan, a professor at The University of Utah and National Endowment for the Arts recipient, has seven books in varying genres. Her work has appeared in anthologies from Penguin and Norton.

* Rob Cohen is a writer, director and producer whose work has appeared on CBS, NBC and the Discovery and History channels. Not long ago, he presented a documentary on the holocaust at the United Nations. Cohen, of New York City, will screen his film, "Kinderblock 66: Return to Buchenwald."

* Brian Leung is the director of creative writing at the University of Louisville. He has received the Asian American Literary Award and a Lambda Literary Award.

* Adam Braver has four books of creative and historical nonfiction. Widely lauded, they investigate the lives of famous people from Marilyn Monroe to President Abraham Lincoln. He is on the faculty and a writer-in-residence at Roger Williams University in Bristol.

* Tina Chang is the first female poet laureate of Brooklyn. Her poems are widely published and anthologized. She teaches at Sarah Lawrence College and the City University at Hong Kong.

* Richard Hoffman is a senior writer-in-residence at Emerson College. Author of two poetry collections, his latest memoir, *Love & Fury*, was a finalist for the New England Book Award.

*Gregory Pardlo is a teaching fellow in undergraduate writing at Columbia University and an associate editor of *Callaloo*, a literary journal. His collection, *Digest*, won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for poetry.

* Derek Nikitas is a novelist and short story writer. Nikitas is an associate professor and director of the Bluegrass Writers Studio MFA in creative writing at Eastern Kentucky University.

The URI faculty members teaching at the conference are: Robert Leuci, a novelist who also has written and produced episodes for "A Current Affair," exploring problems in American policing; and Jody Lisberger, a short story and nonfiction writer and director of Women's Studies at URI. Cohen also teaches at URI – film.

For details and registration information, visit OCSWC. There is a \$25 discount for people who register for both the three-day workshops and main conference by May 15. Discounts are available for students, alumni and URI faculty.

*Pictured on page 4: Tracy K. Smith, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 2012 and teaches at Princeton University and Antonya Nelson, author of 11 books who teaches at the University of Houston and whose work regularly appears in *The New Yorker*. Both writers are speakers at the 9th annual Ocean State Summer Writing Conference. *Smith's photo is by Rolex/Tina Ruisinger. Nelson's photo is by Dana Kroos.**



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Cherry then earned a bachelor's degree from Tuskegee Institute and taught in Alabama and Georgia before moving to Rhode Island. She taught at Portsmouth High School for 28 years and earned her master's degree in Library and Information Studies from URI in 1976.

In Rhode Island, Cherry received many awards for promoting racial and social harmony. Upon retirement, she returned to Alabama—the area where both she and Dr. King began their quests for civil rights.

Rolf-Dieter Schnelle

Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa

Rolf-Dieter Schnelle, former German Consul General in Boston, has been an active supporter and a longtime board member of the University's International Engineering Program. With his years of service in public diplomacy, foreign cultural policy, and transatlantic affairs, Schnelle linked the innovative program with funding sources and made many connections for students and faculty that still serve the program today.

Schnelle joined the German Diplomatic Service in 1975 and was posted to the German Embassy in Tokyo, to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in Madrid, and to the United Nations in New York. In the 1990s he was deputy chief of mission in Oslo, Norway, and later served as German consul general in Boston, deputy director general of the Department of Culture and Education in the German

Foreign Office, and co-chair of the German-American Fulbright Commission. Now an advisor to the Hertie Foundation and the Hertie School of Governance, he also teaches transatlantic relations at his alma mater, the Free University of Berlin.

In these positions, Schnelle focused on building international cooperation in higher education. Before joining the diplomatic corps, Schnelle was a German Academic Exchange Service lecturer at the Polytechnic of Central London, at the Sorbonne Nouvelle and at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris.

After undergraduate studies at the University of Marburg, Schnelle received his graduate degree in history from the Free University of Berlin, a M.A. degree in history from Stanford University, and continued studies at the London School of Economics.

Angus C.F. Taylor

Doctor of Business honoris causa

Graduate School Commencement Speaker

Angus C. F. Taylor is president and chief executive officer of Hexagon Metrology, Inc., a global technology company based in Quonset Point, North Kingstown RI. Taylor's success is largely founded on his leadership and his focus on identifying and developing talent. He has decades of experience in many industries with a

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Rolf-Dieter Schnelle



Angus C.F. Taylor

URI to host 14th annual East Farm Spring Festival, May 9

by Todd McLeish

The University of Rhode Island's 14th annual East Farm Spring Festival, featuring plant sales, workshops and a wide variety of vendors, educational displays and exhibits, will be held Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at URI's East Farm.

The event, started in 2002 by a group of URI Master Gardeners who volunteered at the farm, annually draws thousands of visitors to the 79-acre research facility. It is sponsored by the URI Outreach Center and the URI Master Gardeners.

"The sale of plants and other spring gardening products is what usually attracts most people to the event, but once they get there they also find lots of other useful products and information and plenty of food and entertainment," said Kim Downes, the festival coordinator at the Outreach Center and a URI Master Gardener.

Workshops and demonstrations on a wide variety of topics, from beekeeping to "edible container gardens," will be held all day long. Rhode Island Resource Recovery will be on hand selling compost bins, the Rhode Island Water Lady will sell rain barrels, and electronics recycling company Indie Cycle will be available to recycle used computers, televisions, monitors and other

electronics. The Rhode Island Blood Center will host a blood drive and the South Kingstown Farmers Market will be in operation during the event as well.

Children's activities will be provided by the URI Learning Landscape Program, and live entertainment and raffles will add to the fun. Gardening advice can be obtained from the Ask a Master Gardener booth, while free pH soil testing will be available for those who bring soil samples from home.

"The event is happening rain or shine, and we encourage folks to bring a wagon to transport their purchases to the parking lot," said Downes. "It's always a perfect opportunity to get a last minute Mother's Day gift or to get plants and groceries at the same time."

East Farm is located on Route 108 in South Kingstown, a half mile south of the intersection with Route 138. Parking and admission are free.

For additional information, visit:

<http://web.uri.edu/ceoc/14th-annual-uri-east-farm-spring-festival/>

or call 401-874-2900.



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strong focus on design and high-tech manufacturing. Taylor will speak at the Graduate Commencement ceremony.

Taylor also passionately advocates for an ambitious plan to implement K-12 dual-language immersion programs in public schools. He is an active part of the volunteer team helping to build the Rhode Island Language Roadmap.

Knowing that global companies, like Hexagon, need to recruit multilingual engineering and business talent, Taylor is a strong advocate for the University's College of Engineering and has served on the International Engineering Program board for many years. Hexagon has provided internship opportunities to help develop students' hands-on technical skills as well as the critical language and cultural abilities needed for global engineering success.

Experienced in European, Asian and North American business cultures, Taylor studied mechanical engineering at the University of Central Lancashire, formerly Preston Polytechnic, in the U.K. With a background in mechanical design, in 1987 he joined a subsidiary of the Brown & Sharpe manufacturing company (now Hexagon Metrology) as a project engineer. He advanced his career by assuming increasing levels of responsibility in both the U.K. and in the U.S. before being named president and CEO in 2008.

Leo DiMaio, Jr.

Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa (posthumously)

Leo F. DiMaio Jr. served as director of URI's Talent Development Program and was one of Rhode Island's most recognized education advocates. He dedicated his life to advancing the cause of expanding opportunity for students of color and disadvantaged students.

Known as "Mr. D.," he was a beloved and revered figure to generations of Talent Development students and served with great distinction for over thirty years. The Providence College graduate, who earned a master's degree in education from URI, was the face of a program that still fights for social justice, one student at a time.

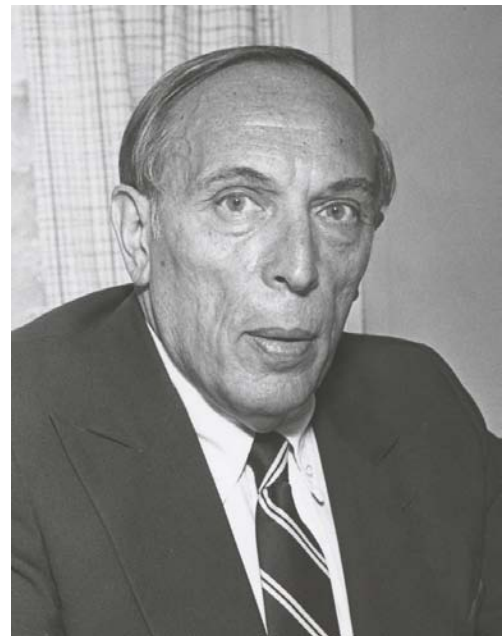
Prior to joining URI, DiMaio was the first director of education and recreation at the Adult Correctional Institution in Cranston, R.I., where

he broke new ground with educational opportunities for inmates.

Upon retirement from URI in 1998, DiMaio created College Readiness, a program to provide educational support to a new generation of marginalized youth.

Throughout his life, DiMaio understood relationships and was a loyal friend to an unfathomably large and diverse group of people. "A friend is a friend is a friend" is a motto he lived by. He knew people well in all walks of life. His love, his words, and his lessons will never be forgotten.

While DiMaio's dedication to education and his lifework brought many awards, accolades, and deep satisfaction, it was with his family that he spent his most cherished time. DiMaio's granddaughter, Angelica M. DiMaio, a member of this URI's graduating class, will accept her grandfather's degree on behalf of the DiMaio family.



Leo DiMaio, Jr.



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Annie Russell the center director who also serves as an advocate and resource to students, faculty and staff added: "Our new center will allow us to enhance and grow our programs and services by leaps and bounds. We will be able to host classes, workshops, and campus and community programs for the first time in our center's history. We will also become a standard bearer for institutions across the country, to showcase the future possibilities for centers like ours. This truly allows us to fulfill our vision of becoming the top institution in the country for gender and sexuality related issues."

The single-story, stone and clapboard building has a veranda running along the front and features three different rooflines. It includes a multipurpose room with a capacity of about 50, a conference room for about 20 people, a group counseling room and a student lounge. There are offices for the director, three staff members and student staff members. Previously located in

Adams Hall, the Center is part of URI's Office of Community, Equity and Diversity.

The building was designed by LLB Architects of Pawtucket to be consistent with the main campus roadway's residential style, and was constructed by Nadeau Corp. of South Attleboro, Mass. The project was completed on time and on budget.

URI's Gender and Sexuality Center provides a supportive, equitable and safe environment for all persons on campus. Well known for its unique initiatives, the center runs more than 100 programs each year to educate, engage and support community members on issues related to gender and sexuality. The Center also sponsors speakers who discuss these issues, and provides "Safe Zone" and other workshops to train students, faculty and staff on basic issues affecting the LGBTQ community and how to be an ally. The URI programs and approaches have been adopted by more than 15 institutions nationwide and one internationally.

Gender and Equity Center Programs

- Last year at least 1,050 people visited the center for social and academic-related programs.
- The Center held more than 75 initiatives, programs, events, or services that were developed over the last three years. Some of the largest events included the "Big Gay Picnic," "Coming Out Week," "Trans Awareness Week," "Lavender Graduation," and the annual LGBTQ Symposium.
- More than 1,000 students, faculty, and staff have participated in Safe Zone 101 workshops since the fall of 2012.
- URI provided Safe Zone workshops to participants from seven other colleges and universities, in a new effort to bring our program to other institutions of higher education.
- A Living Learning Community focused on gender and sexuality was created, which is academically connected to Gender and Women's Studies. Plans include creating an academic track in this program and, the first course focused on gender and sexuality has been offered.
- Health Services has expanded to be more LGBTQ inclusive for students, faculty, and staff.
- Beginning in fall 2014, URI added full gender confirmation coverage into the student health plan.
- Center staff have created many connections, academic partnerships, or offered presentations to a variety of stakeholders.

About URI's Community, Equity and Diversity Initiatives

- URI's Community, Equity and Diversity Office was established in 2011.
- Two presidential commissions were established: LGBTQ Presidential Commission and Faculty, Staff and Students of Color.
- The LGBT+ Alumni & Friends Chapter was formed in fall 2010.
- More than 15 national institutions and one international institution use URI's programs/services and strategic planning process as a model.

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URInformed Unscramble Winner

Congratulations to **Teri Woodbine**, University of Rhode Island Foundation

Please contact Michelle Curreri in the President's Office (4-4462) to claim your prize.

Check out the Unscramble puzzle on page 11!

Cook's Corner

Share your favorite recipes in the Cook's Corner

Thick and Creamy New England Clam Chowder

4- 6 Servings, Total time 1 hr 15 minutes: Prep 15 minutes, Cook 1 hour

Ingredients:

- 6 -7 pieces bacon, cut into small pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 (5 ounce) cans baby clams, with juice reserved
- 6 -7 potatoes, cubed
- 2 (10 1/2 ounce) cans cream of celery soup
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- Optional - You can add scallops and 2 jars of bottled clam juice for extra flavor

Preparation:

- Add bacon to sauce pan and cook on medium low heat until crispy.
- Add onion and cook until translucent.
- Add clam juice from both cans.
- Add potatoes.
- Cook and cover until potatoes are fork-tender, about 15-20 minutes.
- Stir occasionally so potatoes won't stick.
- Add clams, soup, cream, milk, and dill weed.
- Stir together.
- Add butter and let melt into the chowder.
- Cook for about 30-45 minutes or until thickened.
- Stir occasionally.



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“Over the winter we started to mention that she was getting kind of chunky, but we thought it was just that the extra food they get to keep warm in winter was sticking to her in unflattering ways,” said Sydney Day, a senior animal science major from East Greenwich.

Voelkner and Day agree that Jenny has been an excellent mother to the unnamed foal in its first few days of life.

“Jenny has been a super protective mom since the moment we found the little one, glaring at any cow who dares to look at her baby with even the slightest glance,” said Day.

“The baby is starting to get more curious around other people, but Jenny is very watchful,” added Voelkner. “In the past few days I’ve seen Jenny and the baby lying next to each other, Jenny grooming the baby as they soak up the spring-time sun.”

URI uses donkeys as guard animals to protect its sheep and goats from attacks by coyotes or feral dogs. The first guard donkey at URI, Bonnie, arrived in late 2003.

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